

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first paragraph on page 2 as follows:

The prior art described above, however, provides the technique merely for extending the opening time of the opening part of the money insertion/delivering port. In order to extend the opening time, a user operation is required. Further, even if the opening time was extended by the user operation, the shutter is still closed after a predetermined time. For this reason, if the predetermined time has elapsed while the user is inserting his hand inside the money insertion/delivering port, the shutter is automatically closed. The ~~user~~ user's hand would thereby get ~~his hand~~ caught in the shutter ~~to a problem~~.